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1. SUMMARY: AS PORTRAYED IN CAIRO PRESS, QADHAAFI'S VISIT TO EGYPT AND CURRENT MERGER MEETINGS SUGGEST THAT ANY CRISIS IN EGYPTIAN/ LIBYAN RELATIONS IS MINOR. END SUMMARY.

2. JUNE 25 PRESS REPORTS WITH MAJOR HEADLINES IN ALL NEWSPAPERS ON QADHAAFI'S TRAIN TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA . AS REPORTED BY AKHBAR, TRIP WAS MORE OR LESS A TRIUMPHAL JOURNEY OF TWO LEADERS WITH SPECIAL STOPS ALONG WAY FOR QADHAAFI TO PRESS HANDS OF WELL- WISHERS AND WAVE TO ASSEMBLED THROGS. QADHAAFI AND SADAT WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MININT SALEM AND ASHRAF MARWAN. NO MENTION HAS BEEN
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MADE SINCE QADHAAFI'S ARRIVAL OF ANY LIBYAN ACCOMPANYING HIM, OFFICIALS OR FAMILY. SADAT AND QADHAAFI ARE DUE TO CONTINUE TALKS OVER NEXT FEW DAYS ON MATTERS INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND MERGER.

3. 3. IN SEPARATE ITEM, PRESS NOTES THAT SUPREME
MINISTERIAL MERGER COMMITTEE RESUMES MEETINGS IN MORNING
OF JUNE 25 UNDER DEPUTY PRIMIN HATEM.

4. COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR APPARENT ABSENCE OF OTHER
LIBYANS, NOTHING SEEMS PARTICULARLY AMISS BETWEEN EGYPT
AND LIBYA. IT WOULD BE UNUSUAL, IN ANY CASE, FOR
EGYPTIAN PRESS TO CONTINUE TO PLAY QADHAAFI AS VISITING
HERO COME TO EGYPT FWR CONTINUING TALKS WITH SADAT
ON MERGER IF TRUE CRISIS EXISTED BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES
OR BETWEEN QADHAAFI AND LIBYAN RCC. CONTINUANCE OF
MERGER COMMITTEE MEETINGS, FURTHERMORE, SUGGESTS THAT
UNITY ISSUE IS STILL ON TRACK.
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